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ARMS EMBARGO WATCHDOG COMMITTEE DECEMBER 9

REFS: (A) USUN 5479; (B) USUN 5352; (C) USUN 5215

1. SUMMARY. SECURITY COUNCIL MET DECEMBER 9 IN MORNING AND
AFTERNOON SESSIONS, ADOPTING UNANIMOUSLY THE RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH AN ARMS EMBARGO WATCHDOG COMMITTEE (TEXT REF A).
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INDIA SWA THE ARMS EMBARGO AS ONLY ONE STEP IN THE COUNCIL'S
FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID WHILE LIBYA DWELT ON A CALL FOR AN
OIL EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICANAND RHODESIA AND THE MODUS
OPERANDI OF THE NEW COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL MET DECEMBER 9 IN MORNING AND
AFTERNOON SESSIONS, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTING RESOLUTION S/12447

TO ESTABLISH AN ARMS EMBARGO WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION WERE CAMEROON, SAUDIARABIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC). FRANCE JOINED CANADA IN SUGGESTING THAT THE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ADOPT THE SAME RULES OF PROCEDURE USED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. THE US STATED IT WOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE NEW COMMITTEE.

3. JAIPAL (INDIA) STATES THAT INDIA SAW THE ARMS EMBARGO AS ONLY THE FIRST STEP UNDER CHAPTER VII IN THE COUNCIL'S COMPREHENSIVE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID. IN HIS VIEW, THE NEW COMMITTEE SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME RULES AND PROCEDURES AS THE SECURITY COUNCIL. KIKHIA (LIBYA) STATED THAT THE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE WAS INEFFECTIVE AND THAT THE COUNCIL MUST ASSURE THAT THE NEW COMMITTEE IS FULLY CAPABLE OF FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. KIKHIA, IN REFERRING TO OIL TRAFFIC BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, SUGGESTED THAT A MANDATORY OIL EMBARGO BE IMPLEMENTED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. MAKATINI (ANC) CALLED FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE TO HAVE OPEN MEETINGS AND NOT FOLLOW THE SAME RULES OF PROCEDURE AS THE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE. HE ALSO CALLED FOR FULL CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANDATORY OIL EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. ALL SPEAKERS SUPPORTED THE NEW WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. FOLLOWING IS US STATEMENT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW COMMITTEE GIVEN DECEMBER 9 BY DICK PETREE:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES AGREES ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MACHINERY TO OVERSEE THE PROGRESS OF RESOLUTION 418, THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 4. OF COURSE, FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBSERVANCE OF THAT EMBARGO RESTS WITH INDIVIDUAL STATES CONSONANT WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. FOR OUR PART, THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVE THE ARMS EMBARGO AND URGES ALL STATES TO DO LIKEWISE.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK IN DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US. THE UNITED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE NEW COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE.
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